(b) if so, the details thereof including provisions made for sophisticated arms, vehicles, speed boats, bullet proof items and information system;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to inadequate family housing for police forces near the police station/outpost and modern weapons, the efficiency of Assam Police could not be improved;

(d) if so, the action taken to improve the efficiency of Assam Police; and

(e) the number of new battalions proposed to be created and since when the proposals are pending and when these are likely to be commissioned/cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) Central Government has been providing assistance for modernisation of police forces in North Eastern States. Under the special scheme for modernisation of police forces in North Eastern States, 197 maruti Gypsy King vehicles, 70 Tata 407 trucks, 45 Tata 709 trucks, 1020 SLR's, 1270 Carbines, 500 Pistol, 25509 Bombs and Grenades and 911720 rounds of ammunition were provided to Assam Police during 1997-98. 40 of the above vehicles have been bullet proofed.

Under the general scheme modernisation of police forces, an amount of Rs. 47.72 lakhs has also been released to Assam during 1997-98.

A comprehensive scheme for providing assistance for modernisation of police forces in North Eastern States including Assam is under consideration of Government.

(c) and (d) Government is seized of the fact that police housing needs to be improved to increase the efficienty of police forces. The Tenth Finance Commission recommendations for the North Eastern States include a provision for Police Housing. In respect of Assam, the recommended outlay is Rs. 8291.25 lakhs. Rs. 3212.67 lakhs has been released to the State Government so far.

(e) Central Government has sanctioned four India Reserve Battalions for the State of Assam so far. No proposal for additional battalions is under consideration of Government.

Encroachment on Government Land in Aram Bagh

4669. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the automobile workers who have been allotted shops at Chitragupta Road, New Delhi are unauthorisedly using Government land for repair and parking purposes in front of Block No. 166 to 201, Aram Bagh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that number of complaints in this regard have been lodged with the local police authorities by the residents and Welfare Association of Aram Bagh;

(c) the action taken by the police authorities in this regard during the last two years; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) be in negative what prompt action is proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The problem of unauthorised use of Government land by the allottees of the automobile shops on Chitragupta Road, New Delhi is of a continuing nature.However, during the last two years, Delhi Police registered eight cases against such unauthorised use which ended in conviction by the court of law.

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4670. श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: